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Title : METHOD FOR SEPARATING BACKGROUND SPRITE  
AND FOREGROUND OBJECT AND METHOD FOR  
EXTRACTING SEGMENTATION MASK AND THE  
APPARATUS

Applicant(s) : Kumi JINZENJI et al.

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**AMENDMENT AFTER A FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

SIR:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on June 2, 2003 (the three-month response date for which has been extended by one month from September 2, 2003 to October 2, 2003 by the accompanying Transmittal and Petition To Extend), please reconsider the above-identified application based on the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.

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